

activities. The foliage throughout the park, as well as the entire town, noticeably enhances the beauty of this frontier community. As a matter of fact, 15,000 of Pollock's trees were planted in 1956 by local volunteers. Fifty years after its founding, Pollock supports numerous tourist facilities, such as parks, camping sites, a beach, boat ramps, motels, and bait shops.

Pollock is also home to DairiConcepts' cheese plant. Originally named the Dakota Cheese Co., the plant was established by a group of local men in 1960. On its very first day of production, the Dakota Cheese Co. produced 1,350 pounds of cheddar cheese. Bought by Mid-America Dairy men in 1981, the plant, now called DairiConcepts, expanded to become Pollock's leading employer, with over 85 employees. Every day, the factory produces 62,000 pounds of mozzarella cheese.

In the five decades since its founding, Pollock has provided its citizens with a rich and diverse atmosphere. Pollock's 300 proud residents celebrate the town's 50th anniversary June 24–26, 2005, and it is with great honor that I share with my colleagues this community's unique past and wish them the best for a promising future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BLOCKING PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS FROM LIBERIA THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13348 ON JULY 22, 2004—PM 18

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Reg-*

ister and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with the provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2005.

The actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia and secreting of Liberian funds and property, continue to undermine Liberia's transition to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2005.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET REQUEST ACT—PM 19

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to my constitutional authority and consistent with section 446 of The District of Columbia Self-Governmental Reorganizational Act as amended in 1989, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request Act.

The proposed FY 2006 Budget Request Act reflects the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. For FY 2006, the District estimates total revenues and expenditures of \$7.35 billion.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 18, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 8:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3332. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3085. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation and Apportionment of Deductions for Charitable Contributions" ((RIN1545-AP30)(RIN1545-BD47)(TD9211)) received on July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3086. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source of Compensation for Labor or Personal Services" ((RIN1545-AO72)(TD9212)) received on July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3087. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 179 Elections" ((RIN1545-BC69)(TD9209)) received on July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3088. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Return of Property in Certain Cases" ((RIN1545-AV01)(TD9213)) received on July 13, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3089. A communication from the General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AmeriCorps National Service Program" (RIN3045-AA41) received on July 14, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1421. A bill to enhance resources to enforce United States trade rights; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1422. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reduce human exposure to mercury through vaccines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1423. A bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representatives of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BROWN-BACK):